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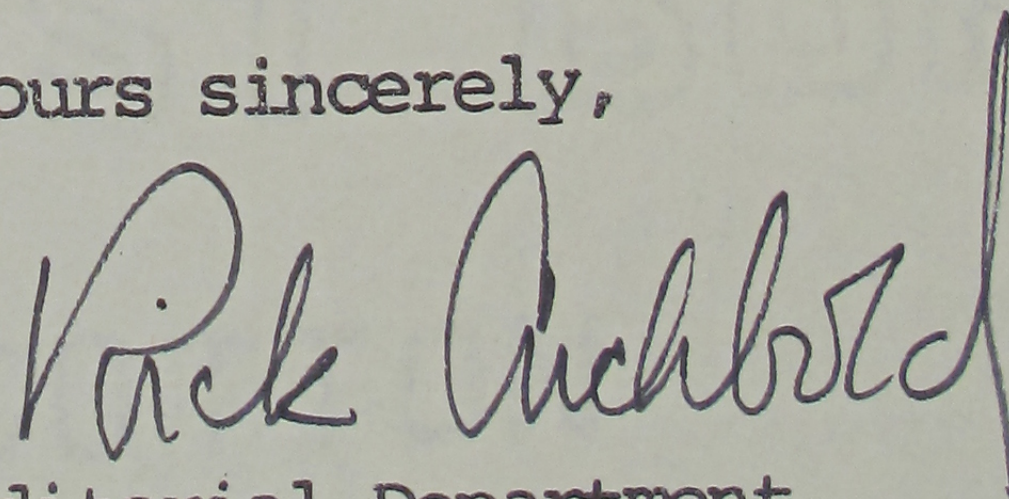
Dear Mrs. Barron

Thank you for sending us your manuscript.
We look forward to reading it.

We will consider your manuscript as soon as possible, and should be able to arrive at a decision in no more than a month. If it receives a favourable first reading, the process will take longer; a second and possibly a third reading may be necessary.

In any case, you will hear from us before long.

Yours sincerely,



Editorial Department

DUMB THINGS I GOTTA DO

1 CORRECT THE FEW SPELLING ERRORS.

2 Page 5 & 42 IMMINENT

3 Page 47 ASPARAGUS

4 Bess Pitt Barnou .

5 I have read this book

6 absolutely enthralled, it
7 is charming. Being an
Engliswoman who only came
to Canada after 2nd world war,
relived many of your details
of war England.

8 thank you so much Bess for

9 letting me read it and if ever
it is published, please I would

like an autographed copy,

10 Affectionately, one

11 of you friends, to which you
refer in your book, page 25.

12 Love from "Joë" Boothe

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July 4th, 1979

Mr R. Archbold
Editorial Dept.
Doubleday Canada Ltd.
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr Archbold;

I am sorry I neglected to leave you copies of my letter to and from the Canada Council which I received as of last February. Enclosed find same.

Your publishing company, was my chosen preference.

You may be interested to know friends and strangers have been reading one of my copy books to get their re-actions. It too, was made up by me as per sample given to you. These are samples of their comments:

A prominent lawyer - Nicely arranged, with an interesting theme tying the chronicles together. An unusual combination of a prominent person, and yet another autobiography. He had never seen it done before, and found it most refreshing and enjoyable.

Former owner of the Mill of Kintail Museum: Interesting information before he became owner, as he had never met RIM while he was alive. Felt it was written right from the heart.

Scientist in Ottawa: An unusual combination of chronicles combined in a most interesting fashion.

Teenage Leader: Teenagers would find it an inspiration careerwise. The adventure and even the romance appealed to them. Kept continuous interest throughout.

Doctor, former Pres Can. Woman Drs Assoc: Unusual content. Interesting story of two successful Canadians. Inspiring to young people, and relaxing for the older ages.

Jamacion cleaning woman: loved to read of people she had heard of.

Chinese carpenter: enjoyed the travel, people and story content.

Senior Citizen: Easy to read and hard to put down.

University Engineer: relaxed reading, well presented war content, enjoyed all the chronicles.

Kept reading until early hours. Wondering what would happen next.

English women - Rockcliff - absolutely enthralled. It is charming & relives many details of war-time England.

Summary: Remarks from over thirty different individuals showed more interest and keenness than I ever expected. All wanted to buy my copy.

A T.V. Talk Show in Peterboro, asked for an interview which I declined at present.

The section about Lady Eaton was verified and O.K'd by Mr John Craig Eaton, who read it carefully and enjoyed it all. Mr Fredrick Eaton, and Mr George Eaton also gave their approval as they recalled my trip with their grandmother.

Unexpected outlets seem to be mushrooming, and the reading demand far exceeds my original copies. Their interest in publication has certainly surprised me.

I trust you too may enjoy it, and that your decision may be made at your earliest convenience.

Yours very sincerely

(Mrs) Elizabeth Pitt Barron.

Requests -
ant University Pro - Queens
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Former Mgr. Chamber of Commerce - Honolulu Hawaii
Former Registrar - Teacher - Author - Honolulu
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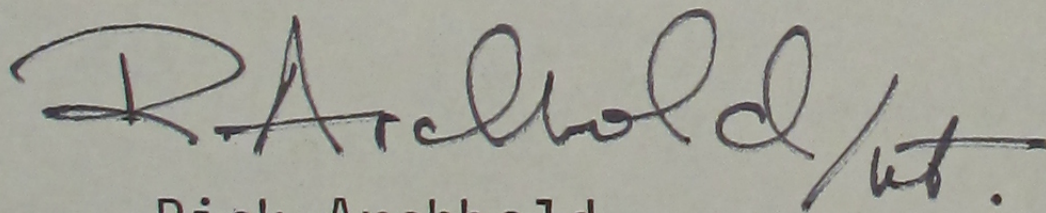
Dear Mrs. Barron:

We have now had an opportunity to examine your manuscript, and have concluded that it does not meet the needs of our publishing program at this time. However, we thank you again for letting us see it.

We are returning your manuscript under separate cover, and wish you success in placing it elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,

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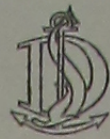


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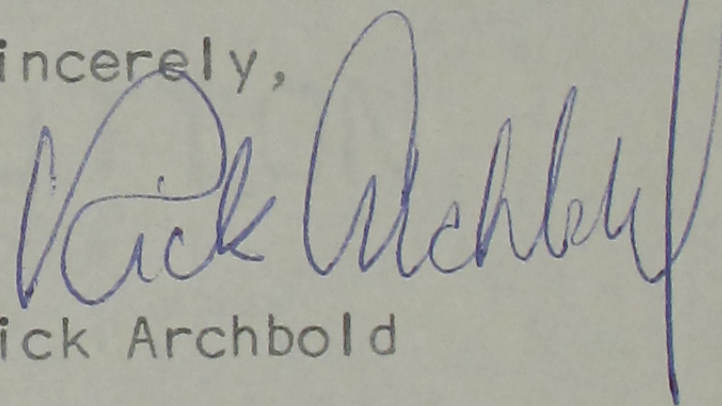
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Dear Mrs. Barron:

By now you have probably received our form letter, telling you of our decision to turn down A STRANGE CHRONICLE. The letter was sent out before your letter arrived. So I am writing to you personally to avoid any confusion.

There is nothing wrong with the manuscript. The story is an interesting and, at times moving one. The problem is that we don't feel we could sell enough copies to make the book a success. Another publisher may feel differently. I wish you good luck in finding that publishing house.

Sincerely,



Rick Archbold

P.S. I am returning the manuscript to you under separate cover.

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Dear Sir;

Enclosed find a copy of my manuscript in book form, as made up by me, for easy reading. It is a ~~true~~ story about the power and influence of Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, a McGill graduate of medicine, world famous sculptor, writer and Professor of Physical Education, who as an interested relative, started me on "A Strange Chronicle" of events guided by a simple force which steps in unexpectedly to take over and control a colourful life pattern for me.

The chapters ~~shown~~ ^{have proved to be} are interesting and tied together in an unusual theme. The photographs introduce ~~story~~ ^{the} persons, like characters in a play.

Favourable comments have been received from a great variety of readers, in order to receive their ~~reaction~~ ^{reaction and include}. Strangers, friends, old and young, ^{and ordinary people for your} are included on a separate list for your information. The list is made up of a newspaper Mgr Editor and publisher, a women's editor, a book publisher, a chief librarian, doctor, lawyer as well as a Jamaican cleaning woman, and a Chinese carpenter etc. ^{various countries and ordinary}

The McKenzie letters to me, and my family connection, verify my story. Major James F. Leys is familiar with my story and The Mill of Kintail, as he bought it from Ethel McKenzie as explained in the book. ^{BD of Kintail}

The section about Lady Eaton was read and approved by Mr John Craig Eaton who thoroughly enjoyed it. Mr Fredrick Eaton, and Mr George Eaton also gave it their endorsement personally as they knew of my friendship with their grandmother and family.

The President of the Mississippi Conservation authority, is interested in selling the book at the "Mill of Kintail". An assistant professor at Queens finds it's Physical Education content excellent for student inspiration, and the President of Canadian Association of Physical Health and Recreation endorses this thought. The Chief Librarian found the way of life, and customs of the twenties on, also added to the interesting story, and all was informative historically. The National Grand Dame of the St John Ambulance would like to add it to their bookshop in Toronto. The Newspaper here, and a T.V. Show in Peterboro have asked for interviews which I have declined to date. There are no lack of connections, and publicity available. Unexpected outlets seem to be mushrooming far beyond my hopes.

A letter from the Canada Council informs me, that a grant from them could be possible if requested from a publisher.

Thank you for any consideration I may receive.

Yours sincerely

EPB.
Elizabeth Pitt Barron
(Mrs R.A.)

Readers Comments regarding "A Strange Chronicle".
written by Elizabeth Pitt Barron.

12/08/79.

Gen. Mgr. & Publisher Niagara Falls Review: Unusual interesting treatment of two stories tied together with a theme that makes one continue until finished.

Women's Editor Niagara Review: A flare for writing a success story and the human side of a famous personality spiced with easy humour.

A prominent Lawyer: Nicely arranged, with an interesting theme tying the chronicles together. An unusual combination of a prominent person, and yet another personality autobiography. He had never seen it done before and found it refreshing and enjoyable.

Former owner of "The Mill of Kintail": Interesting information before he became owner of the Mill, and not meeting McKenzie felt his warm personality. Felt it was written from the heart.

Scientist in Ottawa: An unusual combination of chronicles combined in a most interesting way.

Former Mgr Chamber of Commerce, Honolulu TH. A real Canadian story I couldn't put down.

Ryerson, teacher author: Relaxed reading, informative, enjoyable and very interesting.

Teenager: Wondered what was happening next! An inspiration careerwise. Kept my keen interest throughout.

Senior Citizen: Easy to read, and hard to put down.

Former President Canadian Women Doctors Assoc. Unusual content. Interesting story of two successful Canadians. Inspiring to young people, and relaxing for older persons.

University Engineer: Relaxed reading, well presented war content, enjoyed all the chronicles and read steadily to absorb what was to happen next.

Chief Librarian Niagara Falls Public Library: Combined story of a famous person with an autobiography unusual and delightful. Read it straight through. Has fine beginning, good highlight ending, humour and interest all the way in between. Liked the presentation of life during the twenties which added great value.

Jamaican cleaning woman: Loved to read of the people she had heard of, and unable to see.

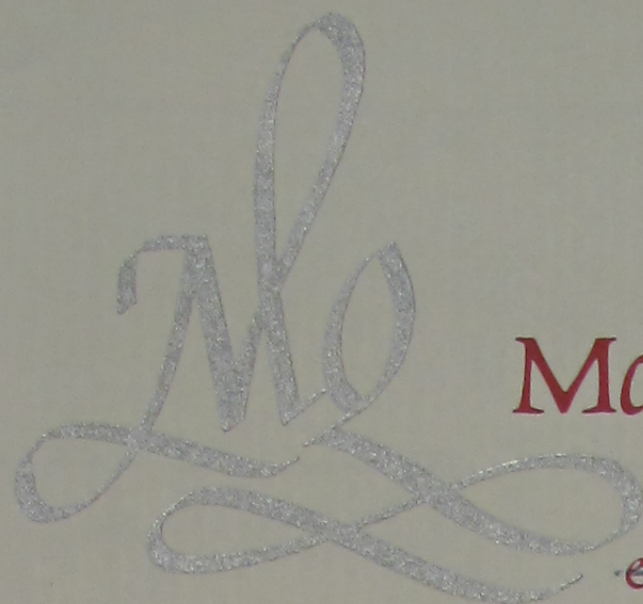
Chinese Carpenter: Enjoyed the travel, people and content. Found it most interesting.

These comments are samples of the varied group of readers reading the book. Many others have mentioned the photograph area as they felt they knew the people introduced in the book as they read about them. It seems to be appealing to all ages and people of every area in life.

The Ministry of Industry and Tourism have given consent to use their photos of their "Mill of Kintail" and printed material.

Further material is from my family.

Elizabeth P. Barron.
Elizabeth Pitt Barron
(Mrs Robert A. Barron)



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Dear Mrs. Barron:

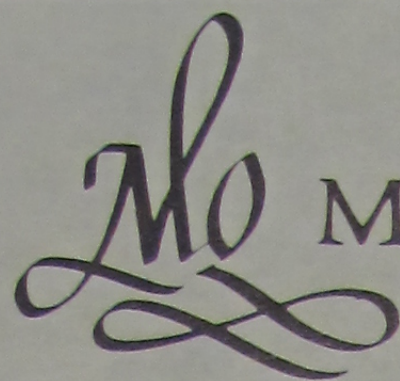
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to consider
A Strange Chronicle: The Power and Influence of
Dr. R. Tait McKenzie.

This is indeed a most interesting manuscript, but unfortunately not one that the Press can formally consider. McGill-Queen's is a fairly small publisher with a list that is generally restricted to works of scholarly research directed to the academic market and to university libraries. Although we are grateful to you for thinking of McGill-Queen's, we think you would perhaps be better advised to approach a general publisher.

Yours sincerely,

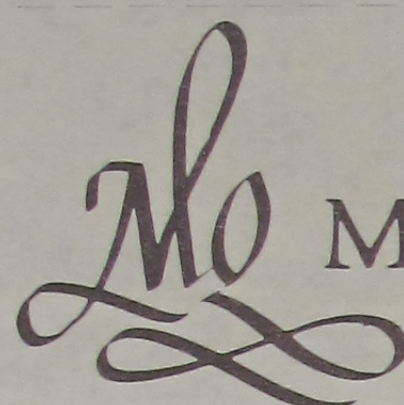
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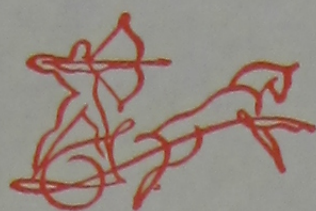
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Dear Mrs. Barron:

In Mr. McClelland's absence I would like to acknowledge your letter of September 1st and the safe receipt of your manuscript STRANGE CHRONICLE. This material is being passed to Ms. Valerie Thompson, our Executive Editor, and you will be hearing directly from her or one of her associates in the near future.

Thank you for thinking of us.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. Hodgeman,
Secretary to Jack McClelland

DATE-----October 12, 1979-----FROM-----V. Thompson-----

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First known as Cousin Rob, then Cousin Tait McKenzie in later years.*



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